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FOR KREISBERG

1. WE HAVE JUST DISCOVERED SECTION OF FREEDOM HOUSE
REPORT ON SIKKIM. TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: FOR THIS EDITION OF THE SURVEY WE HAVE ADDED THE
NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATE OF GUINEA-BISSAU, WHILE WE HAVE
DELETED THE FORMERLY INDEPENDENT STATE OF SIKKIM. IT
IS ARGUED BY SOME INDIANS THAT RECENT CHANGES IN THE STATUS
OF SIKKIM SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS INCORPORATION, YET
IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE STATE'S INCLUSION IN INDIAN
ECONOMIC PLANS, ITS REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT, AND
INDIAN ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION
REDUCES SIKKIM'S SOVEREIGNTY TO THAT OF THE ISLE OF
GUERNSEY WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM. ... ON THE OTHER
HAND, FREEDOM MAY HAVE BEEN INCREASED BY INDIAN
INTERFERENCE IN SIKKIM. (SEE, HOWEVER, THE DISCUSSION OF
THE NEW COLONIALISM BELOW.) UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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